ARIZONA Web Comments 7.23.21 - 7.29.21				
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07/23/2021 - 09:04	07/23/2021 - 09:04	Rick Albin	Interview	My name is Rick Albin. I'm a political reporter in Grand Rapids, Michigan. I am doing a story on redistricting her in our state. I would like to talk with someone about the redistricting process in Arizona. Here in Michigan we are going through an "independent commission" for the first time and I would like to include the Arizona experience in my story since you have been through this before. Thanks in advance, Rick
07/23/2021 - 12:25	07/23/2021 - 12:25	Sarah Langley	Virtual option for listening sessions?	Hello, My name is Sarah Langley and I work for the City of Flagstaff. In regards to the upcoming listening session in Flagstaff on July 29, will there be a virtual option as well as the inperson meeting? We have some individuals who would like to attend but will be out of town that day. Thank you, Sarah Langley
07/23/2021 - 12:52	07/23/2021 - 12:52	Kathy Montgomery	Redistricting	It says there will be a live stream of the live events, but no instructions about how to view it. Can you help? Also, if we participate that way, can we provide input or only watch? Finally, I understood the event on Tuesday, July 27 would be at the Congress Elementary school, but the press release from your office only lists Yavapai College. Can you please clear that up? thank you.
07/23/2021 - 18:36	07/23/2021 - 18:36	Julie M Pindzola	Pinal Florence meeting audio	The web-ex virtual volume fell markedly around 6pm or so.
07/24/2021 - 16:28	07/24/2021 - 16:28	Ana Sanchez- navarro	Tool to draw proposed LD and CD map	Hello In today's meeting it was encouraged to submit a proposed map but I can't find the tool. The tool I found in the community of interest link is only to draw my Community of interest section but not the LDs or CDs. Please advise

07/25/2021 - 15:15	07/25/2021 - 15:15	Dal Norris	Listening Tour - Round 1	I'm writing to share feedback on last Thursday night's Independent Redistricting Commission Listening Tour stop in Pinal County. I'm a fairly new resident of Arizona, and so I haven't had much exposure to the IRC and its important work. I attended not to offer testimony but rather to learn about and gain insight into the redistricting process. What transpired, though, was a maddening disappointment. The meeting logistics were ill conceived and amateurish in A/V execution. All the socially distanced chairs in the main presentation room were already occupied, so I was shuffled into an overflow room where the attendees numbered at least as many those in the main room and all of whom were seated in close proximity next to each other at conference room tables. The proceeding from the main room was presented on TV monitors in a Zoom-like manner. An understandable A/V approach given the attendee dispersion, but here's where the wheels fell off. Initially the presenter microphone in the main room was inoperable, the delay to resolve suggesting the cause to be more than simply an on/off switch. That got sorted out, but then the audio was barely audible in the overflow room. Visually, the TV screens were a mess. The speaker was not visible in the presenter's window, superfluous windows took up valuable screen real estate, the PowerPoint slides of the IRC presentation were too small to read. The execution suggested the planning decisions for logistical details and A/V set up were based on assumptions rather than on thoughtful discernment and testing done in advance. I was unable to follow the proceedings, and left after 15 minutes with regrets for having made the drive to attend. On my way out the door, I shared my annoyance with a couple of Pinal County employees who informed that the County had offered to support the hearing with their public meeting equipment and experience. They indicated the IRC eschewed this offer and chose instead to rely on the desire of their consultants to manage the meeting logistics. If accura
07/26/2021 - 10:56	07/26/2021 - 10:56	Holli Ploog	Survey Instrument	Hello. Several folks have mentioned they are trying to submit the survey as requested by the Commission but are unable to do so without including a map. The problem is they are having difficulties using the mapping software without training. Is it intended by the Commission that public written statements only be accepted with a map? I am unable to attend the meeting for my county due to my work schedule but did intend to submit written testimony without a map. Will that be possible? Thank you in advance.
07/26/2021 - 14:50	07/26/2021 - 14:50	Maria A Lynam	Community of Interest/Listening Tour Survey	Thank you so very much for visiting our communities and listening to feedback. At the present time, one cannot leave a comment only on the Community of Interest/Listening Tour Survey. You must attach a map. Without any instruction, the map application can be a challenge. I suggest that you not require a map to complete the survey. I also suggest that short training videos be available for the public.

07/26/2021 - 15:28	07/26/2021 - 15:28	Diane Nevill	Location of Listening Tour meetings in Pima County	I don't understand why there is no location for the Listening Tour in Pima County. I want to make plans to attend. Thank you. Please let me know where I need to go.
07/26/2021 - 17:26	07/26/2021 - 17:26	Jane Atkins	Listening tour	I am from Tucson and am concerned that there is still not a venue listed for the listening tour. The IRC has indicated they would like our input and thoughts about my community. I know it is a busy schedule, but Tucson is the second largest city in Arizona and deserves to be heard. I am also concerned that LD 11 is a very spread out community and has difficulty functioning as a cohesive district. It should be much more compact. Thank you for your attention.
07/26/2021 - 17:32	07/26/2021 - 17:32	Robert Mensik	Comments on 2021 redistricting	I am a precinct committeeman in Dove Valley Precinct which is part of Maricopa County. I live just south of Carefree Highway and just east of Highway 17. We moved here 3 1/2 years ago after living 16 years in Anthem, a change of 10 miles. The last redistricting created a Maricopa County carve out that made both locations part of Yavapai County. This makes no sense. We do nothing in Yavapai county on any regular basis. Our common area where we shop, worship, recreate, dine and are treated by physicians includes Anthem, Desert Hills, Cave Creek, North Scottsdale, North Phoenix, Peoria and Glendale. Based on the above, the current redistricting should include us in Maricopa County including as many of our areas of activity mentioned as possible.
07/26/2021 - 18:16	07/26/2021 - 18:16	Sarah Simmons	Pima County venue for listening tour	Would the IRC please determine the venue for the two listening sessions in Pima County on August 7 & 8 and post them on the website? Many of us would like to attend and are wondering why they have not been posted yet. Thank you.
07/26/2021 - 18:24	07/26/2021 - 18:24	Janet Mensik	Comments on 2021 redistricting	I am currently a Precinct Committeeman in Dove Valley Precinct. This is south of Carefree Highway and east of Highway 17. Our zip code is 85085. We lived in Anthem 16 years and moved to our current location 3 1/2 years ago. We maintain our frindships with our friends in Anthem and we use the community of services in Anthem, Desert Hills, Cave Creek, Carefree, North Scottsdale, North Phoenix, Peoria and Glendale. This is our sphere of activity. We go to church, shop, go to restaurants, seek medical care and recreate in this area. After the last redistricting we felt legislatively separated from our common community. It appears we were carved out from Maricopa County and placed in Yavapai County. This makes no sense. This time the redistricting should keep us in Maricopa County and include us with as many of the areas of common interests mentioned above.
07/26/2021 - 18:47	07/26/2021 - 18:47	Dana Offerman	Meeting in Tucson	I am eager to comment to the IRC when it meets in Tucson next month. However, no venue has been scheduled. It is so important for this commission to hear the views of voters in southern Arizona, so I implore you to schedule this event and the venue immediately. I am sure that you want our input.
07/26/2021 - 19:05	07/26/2021 - 19:05	Francisco Terrazas	IRC Public Meetings	I believe there are IRC Public Meetings scheduled for Pima County on August 7th and 8th. However, there have not been any final locations shared. Is there any way to get this information disseminated more efficiently?

07/26/2021 - 19:07	07/26/2021 - 19:07	Elizabeth (Betts) Putnam-Hidalgo	Where is the meeting that is to be in Pima County?	My understanding is that there is a meeting of the state redistricting committee on Sat. August 7 and Sun. Aug. 8. Where will these meetings be held and how can it be that they are coming up so soon and we do not already have that information? Surely in the interest of a truly non-partisan redistricting as required, it seems that Pima County would have that information early enough to be sure to get a large group of participants. Please make the location of the events public immediately. Thank you.
07/27/2021 - 06:04	07/27/2021 - 06:04	Tisha Carlisle	Redistricting 6 and 7	Please consider county boundaries when redistricting. Communities of interest are the rural 5+ Eastern counties-southern Navajo, southern Apache, Gila, Graham, and Greenlee that need to be one district. Navajo Nation and Coconino county need to be one district. These counties are communities of interest based on lumber (wildfires), recreation(tourism), healthcare, hunting, ranching, agriculture, water, jobs, 2nd amendment. I do not feel that I have had equal representation because of the current districting. My community has no commonality with Flagataff or Tuba City but I have lots of commonality with Show Low and Globe.
07/27/2021 - 08:39	07/27/2021 - 08:39	Julie M Pindzola	computer weighting of criteria	Please be VERY CAREFUL about instituting a rubric to guide your district lines re: criteria weighting. Yes, you need to assess the competitiveness of each district as you draw draft districts based on the other criteria. But you cannot let a mathematical model be your primary driver on the whole process.
07/27/2021 - 09:15	07/27/2021 - 09:15	Lynne Hudson	number of listening tours	One factor that might help Commissioners decide if a third tour is necessary is: Are the participants in the listening tours a different group of voters than those who have been attending and commenting electronically or is there considerable overlap? If the latter, then you can draw the inference that you will not lose valuable input from opting for two rather than three tours.
07/27/2021 - 09:54	07/27/2021 - 09:54	Donald Hunt, Sr.	IRC Mapping of Pinal County	Commissioners; My name is Donald Hunt, Sr., and I have lived in San Tan Valley since buying a home here in 2012. I'm a retired high school English teacher and am currently a realtor. I have experienced the rapid demographic shifts in population in Pinal County and how the growth has changed from retirees and snowbirds to families and commuters to job centers, and how much more diverse the population has become. Our maps need to reflect the voting power of communities of color and cultural practices and diversity from east to west, north to south, in Pinal County. We appreciate your important work, Commissioners, and urge you to stay on track to provide fair and competitive mapsmaps that reflect the "purple" nature of Arizona, not a stronghold for either side, politically. Thank you.
07/27/2021 - 10:01	07/27/2021 - 10:01	Virginia Dotson	Last-minute Cancellations- Listening Tour sites	I am amazed that you have cancelled the only two satellite sites in Navajo County, in Kayenta and Hopi. You never even scheduled a site in Whiteriver. Do you expect people to make the 5-hour drive from Kayenta to Show Low for the meeting? Really? Your actions show a shocking lack of consideration for Native Americans who make up 43% of the population of Navajo County.
07/27/2021 - 11:14	07/27/2021 - 11:14	Judith Clark	Redistricting	I live in Vernon, AZ. I agree with the proposed redistricting of LD7. Our area has far more in common with others south of us. We need more representation that focuses on Forests, tourism and population awareness.

07/27/2021 - 11:43	07/27/2021 - 11:43	Rivko Knox	Communities of Interest	NOTE: I'm not sure if I somehow figured out how to submit this comment a day or two ago or not, tho I do know that I could NOT submit it using the 'Community of Interest' form because I could not master the mapping tool. Thus, if this comment is a duplicate, please accept my apologies.
				"My 'community' is all those who believe in well funded public schools/education; public health; a clean and healthy environment; infrastructure that meets 21st century needs (including fast broadband for all); safe well paying jobs; voting rights for all; the right to unionize. People in 'my' community live all over the state, in various neighborhoods, speak different languages at home; worship in different ways/places; work at a wide variety of jobs. Also, 'my community' recognizes that neighborhoods changeconditions where I live (and have lived since 1966 just west of I-17 and just north of Thunderbird) are vastly different than they were 5 years ago, 10 years ago, 15, 20 etc.etc. New homes, schools, parks, offices have been built; and many have closed down, deteriorated, been demolished; people work, shop, worship at very different places than they did 5, 10, 15, etc.years ago. Therefore, to me the most important focus is on creating competitive districts so that candidates of both parties or independents (or who knows what new parties might arise 3 years from now and qualify for the ballot) will have to speak to people's needs at the time they run and not rely on their party affiliation.

07/27/2021 - 16:35	07/27/2021 - 16:35	Kate Brophy McGee	Summary of comments to the Commission on Sunday, July 25th	Dear Commission Members, From 2010 through Jan, 2021, I represented LD28, in the Arizona House and Senate. LD28 encompasses communities of interest North Central Phoenix, Sunnyslope, Biltmore, Arcadia, Shea Corridor and Paradise Valley The district has many active neighborhood leaders and organizations with whom I worked closely for over 10 years. Over time, LD28 became a tale of two districts - west and east. The bifurcation between east side and west side related to quality-of-life issues my neighborhood leaders were addressing. For example, on the east side, we battled out of control Short Term Rentals and high-rise, high-density zoning requests. On the west side, we fought crime, blight, homelessness, and poorly regulated drug treatment centers. THE GEOGRAPHICAL DIVIDING LINES FOR THESE DIFFERENCES ARE I-17 AND 19TH AVENUE. MOVING EAST FROM 19TH AVENUE TOWARDS 7TH AVENUE AND 7TH STREET, THE WEST SIDE DISTRICT PROBLEMS BEGAN TO CHANGE TO THE EAST SIDE PROBLEMS. Examples include a City of Phoenix Task Force, named the Violence Impact Project, which is focused on identifying and solving the problems adjacent to the I-17 including crime, prostitution and drug sales. 19th Avenue, a major thoroughfare, includes the Light Rail up to Dunlap and has imported crime to the adjacent neighborhoods, including drugs and gangs. On the other hand, SR51, as it runs through LD28 is flanked primarily by the Phoenix Preserve and prime residential areas. These neighborhoods are a magnet for short term rental companies, buying up residential properties throughout the area, and the area's prime real estate attracts national and international development attention. I ask that you take this bifurcation into consideration when redrawing district lines. I Please let me know if you have any questions, I would be pleased to respond. And thank you for your work. Arizona appreciates your service!
07/27/2021 - 21:19	07/27/2021 - 21:19	Rita Day	Listening tour in Prescott on July 27	I attended the listening tour but had to leave at 7:00pm before the conclusion of the presentation. I wanted to view the remaining portion of the meeting. Where can I find the video to view. Thank you,tNEEt
07/28/2021 - 06:54	07/28/2021 - 06:54	Barbara Tellman	mapping	Why are you directing mapping survey comments to one criterion, communities of interest? This is only one of many criteria. R895m
07/28/2021 - 12:41	07/28/2021 - 12:41	Ted Downing	Website needs correction	On your website listing of public meetings, you failed to post the LOCATION of the meeting. The public must open each date to find out where the meeting is. Is anyone editing your work? PLEASE change. Ted Downing Former State Legislator

07/28/2021 - 14:50	07/28/2021 - 14:50	Mariann Leahy	Redistricting	Hi, My husband and I are retired high school teachers who live in the Village of Oak Creek since 1997 and would like to see all of Verde Valley including Campe Verde, VOC, Sedona, Cornville, Cottonwood and Flagstaff be a district. WHY? We share many venues including businesses, transportation, shopping, arts and culture, healthcare from Northern AZ healthcare, from all these various communities here in verde valley. I am a gallery artist at the Sedona Arts Center since 1998. We participate in festivals and events all over verde valley and Flagstaff. We share the national forest hiking trails as well as several state parks. Let's keep Verde Valley and Flagstaff together as a district.
07/28/2021 - 16:13	07/28/2021 - 16:13	Jane Atkins	listening tour recordings and locations	Is there a way for us to watch the meetings from other locations on the listening tour? Also, please announce your locations for the Tucson public meetings. Thank you
07/28/2021 - 16:45	07/28/2021 - 16:45	Judith Coburn	Meetings for District 5	I would like to attend meetings covering district 5 where I live since this was heavily gerrymandered and would like to see a redistricting a fair map this time around. Thank you.
07/28/2021 - 16:52	07/28/2021 - 16:52	Hope Busto- Keyes	Hearing Location Announcements for Tucson Area Communities	Dear Commissioners, We are only 11 days away from hearings in the Tucson area but the locations are not, yet, announced. You had committed to two weeks notice for community hearings. The Tucson area communities need adequate notice of community meetings in order to plan for attendance. Please announce the meeting notice as soon as possible. Thank you.

07/28/2021 - 23:31	07/28/2021 - 23:31	Michael	Redistricting	To the IRC Commissioners:
		Schroeder	Comment regarding Sedona and the Verde Valley	I attended the meeting on public comments in Sedona at the Yavapai College campus. I did make a three minute statement and submitted my text to the commentator. However, after carefully listening to all the comments for the entire program, I was concerned that there were some comments suggesting that Sedona and the Verde Valley should stay with Flagstaff. I bring up these additional points for the consideration of the commission.
				1. Sedona and the Village of Oak Creek (VOC) lie in both Coconino and Yavapai county. However the MAJORITY of our residents are in Yavapai and therefore the majority of our property tax dollars goes to Prescott, not Coconino.
				2. We have huge infrastructure issues in the Verde Valley, all our small towns are working together on this serious issue along with Yavapai County and our County Commissioners. Flagstaff and Coconino are not involved what happens in the VV.
				3. Our Yavapai Community College campus is always getting the short end of the funding for our Sedona campus by Prescott, therefore we work with Prescott to fix this, Flagstaff is not involved.
				4. There is a MAJOR fiber optic line that is coming up I17 to specifically provide internet infrastructure to the VERDE VALLEY, not Flagstaff. This is through a multi-million grant from the feds. Flagstaff is NOT involved.
				5. Our airport which is part of the national infrastructure is owned and controlled by Prescott, and has ZERO to do with Coconino OR Flagstaff.
				6. Our jails are on Highway 260 in Camp Verde and in Prescott, NOT Coconino or Flagstaff.
				7. Our COURTS, superior and others are located on Highway 260 in Camp Verde and in Prescott, not Flagstaff or Coconino.
				8. Our law enforcement is YAVAPAI County Sheriff, with offices in the Village of Oak Creek, not Coconino or Flagstaff.
				9. Our regional development in housing and transportation is between the rural Verde Valley towns like Camp Verde, Cottonwood, Cornville etc. Yavapai County and Prescott, not Coconino or Flagstaff are partners in these issues.
				10. Our water use and planning, which I learned a lot more about yesterday flying 8 members of the Friends of the Verde River conservation group, including several of our Vineyard owners, has NOTHING to do with Flagstaff OR Coconino County.
				11. The cultural and music programs at the Yavapai College auditorium in Prescott are not available in Flagstaff unless you like college kids Rock concerts.
				12. Over half of the service companies I use, appliance repair, DISH Network, deck sealing, gate repair etc originate in Prescott, OR in Sedona. NOT in Flagstaff or Coconino.
				13. The Sedona Fire District covers areas outside of Sedona, including the Village of Oak Creek and part of the forest area between Sedona and Cottonwood, not Flagstaff.

These 13 points and more show that rural Arizona should stay RURAL Arizona and not be

07/29/2021 - 10:08	07/29/2021 - 10:08	Jean Meconi	venue for Tucson Listening Tour	Has the location for the Tucson listening tour been determined? thank you
07/29/2021 - 10:22	07/29/2021 - 10:22	Cari Lindquist	Redistricting of Southern Navajo County and communities of interest	Hello, My name is Cari Lindquist. I am currently part of district 7 and reside in Lakeside, Arizona. Today I urge you to put southern Navajo County back with our neighbors and other communities of interest. The current districts are confusing and in no way competitive for or representative of the residents in rural Eastern Arizona. The current districting cuts through City limits and County lines. We are in the same town, the same schools, the same churches, the same everything except districts. In this case, we are not just communities of interest, we are ONE community separated. In prior elections, district 7 has overwhelmingly been represented by one political party. This is not competitive or representative of the diverse population we have. Those candidates do not speak for or care about the issue important to Eastern Arizona because we do not share the same interests or resources. They are focused on what is best for Northern Arizona. We are asking for the same consideration and representation for the issues unique to our communities. Allow Eastern Arizona to be a competitive district again. Allow Eastern Arizona to have a Representative that will speak for our people and our interests again. In 2010, 15 Cities and Towns within Eastern Arizona unanimously adopted a resolution to keep us united (Town of Pinetop-Lakeside Resolution No. 11-1204). These towns included the City of Globe, Town of Miami, Town of Superior, Town of Springerville, Town of Duncan, Town of Hayden, City of Show Low, Town of Eagar, Town of Springerville, Town of Pinetop-Lakeside, City of Winslow, Town of Snowflake, Town of Captrop Verde, City of St. Johns and Town of Pima. We are one united voice asking to be one district. Those in charge of redistricting ignored the resolution last time, going against what was best for our communities. Please, do not ignore us again. Finally, we are communities of interest. Our communities have strong ties to one another, many common interests, and a history of being one Legislative District. T

07/29/2021 - 11:15	07/29/2021 - 11:15	Julie Pindzola	Rubric consideration; general mapping	Hello IRC I think you should be very careful devising a mathematical model for assessing the maps relative the 6 criteria. The rubric idea sounds elegant but is fraught with unintended consequences, Assigning weights to each criteria other than as equal would seem to be legally challengeable. I assume you will have tables attached to each map version that assess degree of compactness, COI integrity, contiguity, and competitiveness - in addition to any VRA requirements. I suppose those tables of data can be ranked somehow to facilitate keeping track of the various maps. Cataloguing map versions as you work on improvements seems an iterative process. The public desires to be able to observe this process fully. Will we have the opportunity to take your posted versions to alter and resubmit? Those who wish to be involved are still trying to understand fully your process for taking input and feedback and incorporating it. Will the next step in map drawing be able to use block and block groups, along with census tracts? The dot and line mapping application now on the site for COI is greatly appreciated but a bit unwieldy for delineating areas with irregular jurisdictional boundaries. Thank you very much. We do appreciate all the work you that do and the patience and explanation you can provide!
07/29/2021 - 13:38	07/29/2021 - 13:38	Patricia	Order of speakers at listening tour	At the July 27th meeting I arrived earl and got in line to sign. The registrars did a good job and made it quite easy for all. I was there to hear the speakers from 5:00-8:00ish. There were several speakers in our county leadership that I saw in line just after 4:00; however many left after 7:30 because they had other responsibilities - especially with the recent/current flooding in areas in our county. I also noticed many of those who were last in line spoke first. I've given it some thought and was wondering if it might be possible for people who wish to speak a ign in and are asked to pick a number from a bucket/hat, go through security and then sign a request to speak card and go to an assigned person who would write their name next to the number they chose when registering. I believe this would also speed up the registration line. Thank you for considering this option.

07/29/2021 - 16:51	07/29/2021 - 16:51	BARBARA CHADWICK	Redistricting in AZ	Thank you so much for allowing public comment on redistricting. I am a resident of Coconino County rural. Congressional district 1 as you know has included parts of Maricopa County and Pima County. Both of those counties have large city populations, most of those people do not represent our rural interests. In redrawing these boundaries, it would be nice if you would consider including other rural counties to have the population numbers meet the requirements and they have common interests with us. We have different issues than urban dwellers: water hauling, forest use, grazing, and state land. I would love to see Apache, Navajo, Gila, Greenlee, Graham and Cochise county be included with Coconino. That way our boundaries would be contiguous and we share common concerns. As far as the Legislative lines it would be would be helpful if they were similar to the Congressional lines, that they took in the southern part of Navajo, southern part of Apache, Graham, Greenlee, Gila and Coconino. I find that these areas are similar to Coconino. It is sometimes difficult to figure out where our lines are, these lines make sense. Thank you for your consideration.
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